

Three-Way Tie

This strategy helps students explore relationships among any three words.

Teacher Preparation:

1. Prepare a list of vocabulary words.
2. Make a copy of the Three-Way Tie graphic organizer (5-2-2) for each student.

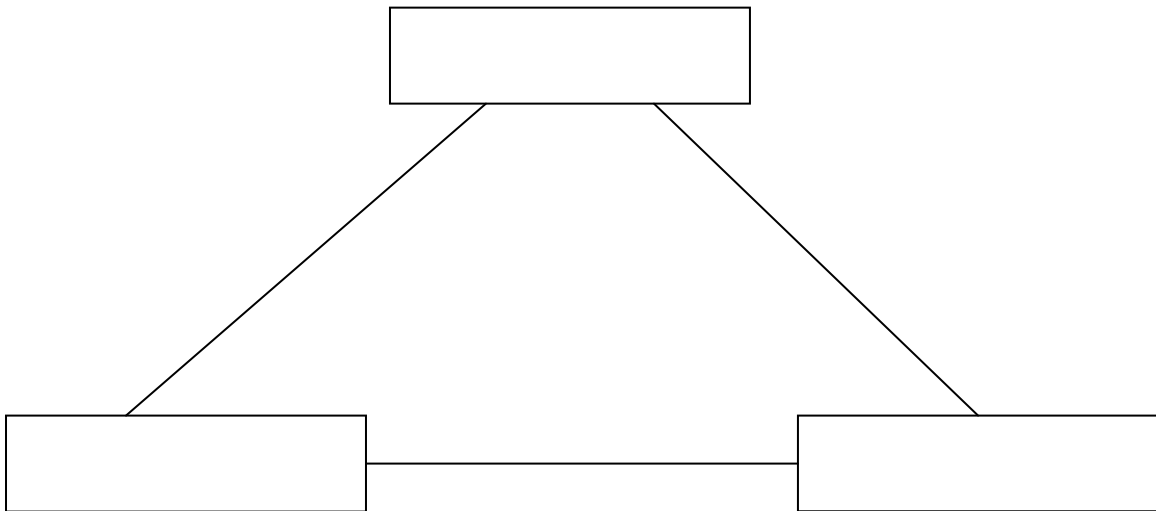
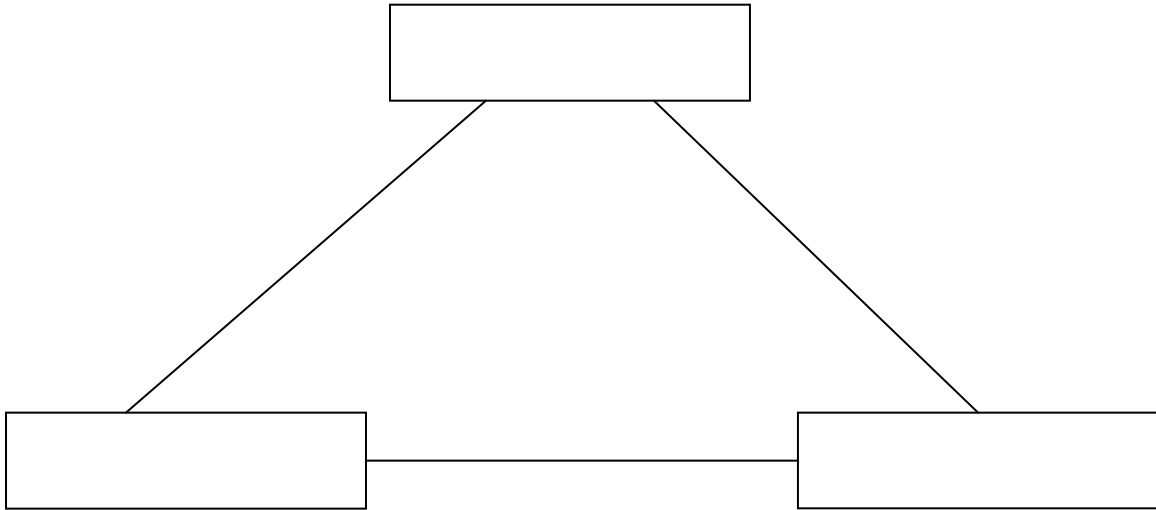
Lesson Plan:

1. Select 3 words from the vocabulary list or have each student select his/her own 3.
2. Direct students to write one word in each of the 3 boxes of the organizer.
3. Along each line, students should explain the relationship between the 2 words being connected.

NOTE: The students will need to be creative in developing relationships between seemingly unrelated words.

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Applications in the Classroom	Meeting the Diverse Needs of Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use with content-area and unit-specific vocabulary - Use with self-descriptors for student self study - Use with descriptors to clarify a concept - Review vocabulary - Explore relationships among content vocabulary words - Classify and categorize vocabulary - Opportunity for making connections with content - Easily modified to discuss similarities and differences in content-area vocabulary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complexity and challenge with higher-level connections to content - Formative assessment - Student self assessment - Opportunities for flexible grouping - Possible tiered assignment with levels of vocabulary words and concepts - Learning styles/ preferences - Open ended - Group project and investigation
Content-Area Examples Collected from Workshop Participants	
<p>Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Used with Central Africa vocabulary - If words are picked purposefully (by the teacher) can be used for connections with big ideas <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAT vocabulary review - Reflection and review using vocabulary for a character study 	<p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore relationships between terms - In honors Algebra II, a quiz review of critical points on a graph. Open-endedness enabled students to extend their higher-level thinking. Resulted in higher quiz scores, especially among lower-level students. - In introduction to unit on circles, after a homework assignment which introduce the vocabulary, used to establish foundational concepts. - In geometry, to explore secant, arc, and angle.